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CLAIMS

1. A chipper knife comprising a cutting edge (6) along at least one of its side edges, the chipper knife being adapted to be mounted in chippers of the kind which are used to cut chips of a desired size and shape from pieces of wood or timber (7) and which comprise a tool, in the form of a plane or conical disc, which is arranged 10 for rotation about an axis of rotation and on which a plurality of such chipper knifes (2) are mountable, their respective cutting edges being oriented in the direction of rotation in such manner that one end of the cutting edge of the chipper knife is located closer to the axis 15 of rotation of the tool than the opposite end of the cutting edge, the cutting edge of the chipper knife being formed between two surfaces, viz. a timber-guiding surface (11), which faces the pieces of timber fed to the . tool, and a chip-guiding surface (13), which guides the 20 cut chips through openings (10) provided therefor in the tool, and the timber-guiding surface (11) of the chipper knife having a varying angle along its length in relation to a plane of rotation in such a way that the angle is greater at the end of the cutting edge located closest to 25 the axis of rotation and decreases in the outward direction to allow the timber-guiding surface (11) to follow as closely as possible an ideal timber-guiding cam curve between two consecutive chipper knifes, c h a r a c terised in that the chip-guiding surface (13) of 30 the chipper knife has a varying angle along its length in relation to a plane of rotation in such a way that the angle is smaller at the end of the cutting edge located closest to the axis of rotation and increases in the outward direction in order to obtain a cutting edge angle 35 between the timber-guiding surface (11) and the chipguiding surface (13) that is essentially constant along

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the whole length of the cutting edge and chips that are as uniform as possible in thickness.

- 2. A chipper knife as claimed in claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that it is symmetrical with regard to a plane perpendicular to the longitudinal extent of the chipper knife and through its centre in such manner that the chipper knife is mountable in the chipper in a way that allows it to be turned end-for-end.
- 3. A chipper knife as claimed in claim 1 or 2, character is ed in that the timber-guiding surface (11) and the chip-guiding surface (13) are rectilinear as seen in cross-section.

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- 4. A chipper knife as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that it has an essentially flat shape with two opposite main surfaces (15, 15'), at least one cutting edge (6) being formed between two bevelled surfaces (11, 13) at an angle to the main surfaces.
- 5. A chipper knife as claimed in any one of the pre20 ceding claims, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that it has
 two opposite cutting edges (6).
 - 6. A chipper comprising a plurality of chipper knifes (2) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims.